

REMARKS

Claims 34-40, 45-47, 49-62 and 82 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 34 has been amended to incorporate the features of allowable claim 48, claim 48 has been cancelled, the dependencies of claims 49-51 have been corrected, claims 60-62 have been corrected in view of the amendment to claim 34 and claim 83 has been cancelled.

Entry of the Amendment is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the Amendment: (a) places the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) does not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration; (c) does not add any additional claims; and (d) places the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. Entry of the Amendment is thus respectfully requested.

Applicant appreciates the indication of allowability for claims 48-51. Accordingly, the features of claim 48 have been incorporated into claim 34.

The rejection of claims 34-40, 45-46, 52-54, 58, 59 and 82 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Hasabe et al. (Hasabe), U.S. Patent No. 5,658,615, claims 34-40, 46, 47, 52-54, 57-62 and 83 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Iwasaki, U.S. Patent No. 5,002,799 (Iwasaki '799) in view of Hasabe, and claims 55 and 56 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Iwasaki '799 in view of Hasabe as applied to claim 34, and further in view of Iwasaki, U.S. Patent No. 5,599,579 (Iwasaki '579) have been rendered moot by the incorporation of allowable claim 48 into claim 34 and cancellation of claim 83. It is respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 34-40, 45-47, 49-62 and 82 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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